

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICTS—ELECTION

H. J. R. No. 8

Proposing an amendment to Section 59 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws affecting particular conservation and reclamation districts; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 59 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Subsection which reads as follows:

"(d) No law creating a conservation and reclamation district shall be passed unless notice of the intention to introduce such a bill setting forth the general substance of the contemplated law shall have been published at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the introduction thereof in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the county or counties in which said district or any part thereof is or will be located and by delivering a copy of such notice and such bill to the Governor who shall submit such notice and bill to the Texas Water Commission, or its successor, which shall file its recommendation as to such bill with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives within thirty (30) days from date notice was received by the Texas Water Commission. Such notice and copy of bill shall also be given of the introduction of any bill amending a law creating or governing a particular conservation and reclamation district if such bill (1) adds additional land to the district, (2) alters the taxing authority of the district, (3) alters the authority of the district with respect to the issuance of bonds, or (4) alters the qualifications or terms of office of the members of the governing body of the district."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1964, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws affecting particular conservation and reclamation districts."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws affecting particular conservation and reclamation districts."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, May 14, 1963: Yeas 136, Nays 0; passed the Senate, May 22, 1963: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed without Governor's signature, May 30, 1963.